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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/659,676 Confirmation No: 3737
Applicant : Ekkehard Pott
Filed : September 10, 2003
Title : Method for Operating an Integral Combustion Engine
Art Unit : 3748
Examiner : Tu Minh Nguyen
Docket No. : R&P-09561
Customer No. : 24131

R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicant elects group I, claims 1-41, for prosecution at this time.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of groups II and III at a later date.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one (1) month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$110.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith. Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-41 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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